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1. WE NOTE FROM PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTTEL, SECRETARY RABASA'S CONCERN OVER HOW HE WILL BE ABLE EXPLAIN "SUBSTITUTION" FOR DAMAGES. FOR OUR PART WE ARE CONCERNED THERE MAY BE MENTION OF POSSIBLE AMOUNTS OF FINANCING OR ASSISTANCE IN MANNER WHICH WILL LEAD TO EITHER CRITICISM OR UNDUE EXPECTATIONS. IN THIS REGARD, DURING NEGOTIATING SESSIONS, SECRETARY RABASA DID NOT WANT TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE AMOUNTS OR HAVE ANY FIGURES PUT IN AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF HIS BELIEF THAT SPECIFIC AMOUNTS WOULD BE FIXED ON FOR CRITICISM. IN ANY EVENT, AMOUNTS AND EXACT FORM AND PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR ASSISTANCE ARE SUBJECT FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, AMBASSADOR SHOULD, IF HE FINDS CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY, SUGGEST TO RABASA DESIRABILITY OF
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BOTH SIDES STAYING AWAY FROM ANY PUBLIC SPECULATION AT THIS

TIME ON AMOUNTS OF FINANCING OR ASSISTANCE.

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